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UTA Schedule

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Whooooo are you? Who, who, who, who?

Col. Wes Langland

302nd Operations Group commander

To steal a little from an old time song and a new hit TV series, I think that it is important for all of us to know just exactly who we are and what we, as reservists, contribute to our nation's defense.

You are known as citizen airmen; you play an integral role and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat. Reservists along with active duty and the National Guard work together as a "total force" to make our Air Force the most powerful force the world has ever seen.

You are cost effective. You provide more than 20 percent of the Air Force's capability for a mere four percent of the total Air Force budget. Our reserve forces are on the leading edge of technology in air, space and cyberspace providing the Air Force with a very robust warfighting

capability.

Our unit equipped and associate units contribute in virtually every Air Force mission. In addition, Reserve forces are the sole provider of weather recon, aerial spray and space shuttle support. Our share of the "total force" capability includes:

50 percent	of strategic airlift
27 percent	of rescue
25 percent	of wildland fire fighting
22 percent	of tactical airlift
20 percent	of flight training
11 percent	of AWACS
9 percent	of special operations
8 percent	of space operations
8 percent	of the bombing mission
6 percent	of the fighter mission

But, who are you?

You are a member of the best tactical airlift unit in the Air Force, the 302nd Airlift Wing. Through your experience,

your dedication and your expertise, you have been able to develop a reputation that is second to none. Through the years, you have developed your credibility through blood, sweat and tears that set you apart from the rest. Your ideas, your opinions and your actions actually mean something. And, they are respected and sought after not only by other units, but by 22nd Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard, Air Mobility Command, other commands, other services and other agencies.

You are directly responsible for our unit's many successes. Through your commitment, your training and your readiness, you will not only determine our unit's direction but also, the level of our future success. You have an awesome responsibility and you are up to the task at hand!

That's who you are.

New program helps us be 'fit to fight'

Command Chief Master Sgt. Bobby E. Smith

302nd Airlift Wing command chief

The Air Force has a new fitness program for us. The "Fit to Fight" program has already been approved for our active duty counterparts and we are awaiting AFRC's supplement. The great thing about this program is it not only gives us the gentle nudge we need to start working out but it also recognizes the quality of

life concerns for our members.

The Health and Welfare Center on Peterson AFB is one of the best in the nation and offers a variety of fitness programs. Whether you are a beginner or advanced physical fitness expert, you can find the perfect workout to suit your needs. As this program evolves, each unit will select someone to be their Unit Fitness Program Manager and Physical Training Leader.

We all have someone in our units or we know someone in the Wing with fitness knowledge.

Let's tap into that resource and get into our new fitness lifestyle.

The important thing about starting any fitness program is to start slowly. Remember, it took us years to get "unfit" so it will take some time to get fit. The good news is it will take only a month or so to see an improvement in our fitness lev-

els. Once fitness improves, our energy will increase and our outlook on life will improve. People who are physically fit can withstand the rigors of stress more successfully. Fit and healthy folks are less likely to suffer injuries and if they are injured, they heal faster and with fewer side effects.

The best part of this fitness program is it is good for us. We will live healthier, more active lives and this will pay invaluable dividends to us in our "golden" years. The Chiefs and I look forward to seeing you in the gym or on the road!

Small acts can make big impact

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson

302nd Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

It is the gift you can give that doesn't cost you anything. It is the gift you can give that always makes you feel better. It is the gift you can give

that can make the difference between success and failure, between throwing in the towel or a championship effort. Jackie Robinson experienced the power of the gift.

Robinson was the first African-American to play major league baseball. Breaking baseball's color barrier was not easy; he faced jeering crowds at almost every game.

One day while playing in his home ball park in Brooklyn he made an error. Even

his home town fans began to ridicule him. He stood alone on second base, feeling forlorn, while the crowd booed.

At this low point in his major league experience, Robinson was given the gift that all of us need.

As the taunts grew increasingly abusive, "Pee Wee" Reese walked over to second base from his short stop position and stood next to Robinson. He put his

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AFRC to update C-130 cargo aircraft

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.—After extensive air and ground testing, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard will be the first air components to modernize their fleets of C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft with new avionics.

C-130H-2s from AFRC's 908th Airlift Wing here, along with C-130E models from the Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Wing in Boise, will lead the Air Force's plan to upgrade the avionics on all C-130 aircraft.

"Air Force Reserve Command has 100 C-130 cargo aircraft in its inventory and provides about 22 percent of the Air Force's total tactical airlift capability," said Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, director of operations at the headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga. "Our reservists work as equal partners with Air National Guard and active-duty airmen on frontline missions across the globe."

Called the Avionics Modernization Program, this conversion is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2007, said Capt. Jason Rusco, the program's test manager at the



A C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft from 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., undergoes cold temperature testing at the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin AFB, Fla. Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard prepare to be the first air components to modernize their fleets of C-130 cargo aircraft with new avionics. (Air Force Photo)

Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The Boeing Co. is the prime contractor for the project that will eventually upgrade about 520 aircraft by the time the program is completed in 2016.

According to Captain Rusco, the modernization program's goals are to allow the aircraft to meet global air traffic management requirements, to improve the workload management for

flight crews and to reduce the total ownership costs for the C-130 fleet.

Currently, the Air Force has 14 variants of five different models of the C-130: E's, H-1's, H-2's, H-3's and J's. After this upgrade to the avionics and some engine changes, there will be only two major models: C-130AMPs—converted E and H models—and C-130J's.

Upgrading the avionics in-

volves replacing the aircraft's analog instrumentation with six digital displays and the flight management system Boeing developed for its newest version of the 737 airliner.

In October, the 908th sent an aircraft to Eglin AFB, Fla., for testing inside the McKinley Climatic Laboratory. Engineers from Air Force Material Command and Boeing used the testing session as an opportunity to gather data on the aircraft's environmental control system.

Boeing engineers will use the data gathered from the five-day test session to improve the survivability of their avionics and to identify additional heating and cooling requirements if needed.

Also, the conversion offers many benefits for maintainers. Because there will be two types of C-130 parts instead of five, there will be a bigger pipeline and inventory from the various suppliers. The new C-130AMP will be able to use many of the same avionics parts as the commercial 737 airliner. (Maj. Jerry Lobb, 908th AW)

Reserve system streamlines AF travel processing

By Jim Miller

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.—Accurate and secure records, universal e-mail copies of vouchers and possibly faster payouts are what Air Force travelers have to look forward to starting this spring.

Financial management offices throughout the active-duty Air Force are set to begin using Air Force Reserve Command's Reserve Travel System March 31. Air National Guard offices are expected to go on line in July.

"The Reserve Travel System is the only travel computation system that specifically

addresses the varied needs and requirements for Reserve travel vouchers, including multiple orders and changes in status," said Ms. Penny Meredith-Pogue, chief of the financial systems branch at Headquarters AFRC. "RTS also computes travel vouchers for civilians and active-duty people, as well as civilian and military permanent-change-of-station vouchers."

Sixteen Air Force Reserve travel offices have been using the Windows-based application since 1998, and eight active-duty sites adopted the system between 2000 and 2002. The active-duty sites began using the system because they process so many travel vouchers for reservists.

"The Reserve Travel System is great ex-

ample of the Air Force Reserve and active-duty force working together within Air Force financial management," said Lt. Col. Patrick A Coe, director of the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office in Denver. "Air Force-wide use of the RTS will benefit us all in several ways. It has a wider range of functions than the alternatives, including making it easier for active-duty bases to process Reserve travel transactions."

"The old system was not established to take care of Reserve personnel and the varied uniqueness involved with our travel," said Mr. William Curtis, 302nd Airlift Wing, chief military pay. "RTS not only provides prompt and accurate payments to our folks; but also

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Temporary health benefits start for reservists, families

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense announced Feb. 12 that it will implement provisions of the “2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program” for eligible reserve component sponsors and their family members.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2004 authorized new health benefits, some permanent and some temporary. The 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program includes three temporary TRICARE benefit provisions. Some provisions are effective as of Nov. 6, 2003, and all expire Dec. 31, 2004.

“These new temporary provisions were designed by Congress to improve readiness and enhance access to care for reserve servicemembers and their families,” said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. “We are implementing these new provisions as soon as possible.”

TRICARE Management Activity will implement the new provisions in phases starting in the spring. Total expenditures for these new provisions may not exceed the \$400 million limit established by Congress for fis-

cal 2004. One provision temporarily authorizes TRICARE medical and dental coverage for reserve component sponsors activated for more than 30 days and their family members. Eligibility begins either on the day the sponsor receives delayed-effective date active-duty orders or 90 days prior to the date the active-duty period begins, whichever is later.

A second provision temporarily extends eligibility for TRICARE benefits to 180 days under the Transitional Assistance Management Program for reserve component sponsors who separate from active-duty status between Nov. 6, 2003, and Dec. 31, 2004, and their eligible family members.

The third provision temporarily extends TRICARE medical benefits to Reserve component sponsors and family members who are either unemployed or employed but not eligible for employer-provided health coverage. These temporary provisions end Dec. 31, 2004.

“We encourage reserve component sponsors and family members to save health care receipts, claims and explanation of benefits for dates of service from Nov. 6, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2004,” said Winkenwerder. “This is

necessary in the event the sponsor is determined to be eligible and the care qualifies for retroactive TRICARE reimbursement once the 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program begins.”

The three permanent health benefit provisions of the 2004 authorization act are benefit counselors for the reserve component in each TRICARE region, authorization for medical and dental screening and care for members alerted for mobilization, and TRICARE eligibility for reserve officers pending orders to active duty following commissioning.

Additional information for reserve component families, who have questions regarding the TRICARE benefit or need assistance processing claims, are available on the Web at <http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/> and the Reserve Affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra>.

Each TRICARE region will soon have a designated beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator available to assist members and families with understanding and using their enhanced benefits. (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service from a DOD news release*)

LRS members gear up to join Army counterparts

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
Front Range Flyer

“The U.S. Air Force’s role in ground operations has expanded and airmen are finding themselves side-by-side with soldiers in transportation operations, better known as convoys,” according to an article by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard, 421st Combat Training Squadron.

This couldn’t be closer to home for some members of the 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Five members of the unit were tasked to deploy and join their Army counterparts already in theater. “Our members were mobilized by Air Mobility Command

for U.S. Central Command in support of increasing Army requirements,” said Senior Master Sgt. Milo Scott, 302nd LRS.

Once the squadron received the tasking, unit members chose to make the decision among them who would actually fill the tasking. The members that are deploying seemed to be a small family ready to tackle whatever the future may hold. “They’re watching out for each other, even during the training that was required prior to their departure,” added Sergeant Scott.

Prior to deployment, tasked troops needed to first get some combat skills training with the 421st CTS at McGuire Air Force Base, NJ.



Capt. Kristin Simpson, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, goes over some of the last paperwork required prior to deployment for some of the unit’s vehicle operations specialists.

Students attending the school get both classroom and hands-

on training to learn how to con-
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Unit recognizes enlisted aircrew

731st holds second annual recognition ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
Front Range Flyer

Members of the 731st Airlift Squadron gathered to honor a tradition started last year.

The 2nd Annual Enlisted Air-



Staff Sgt. Jason Harvey earned the Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman NCO Airlifter Leadership Award.

crew Recognition Program was held during the February UTA.

The event recognizes the squadron's most deserving NCOs, chosen by their peers. The three awards also pay homage to three enlisted aircrew members who died in a C-130 aircraft accident May 13, 1995.

The awards; Master Sgt. Jay K. Kemp Senior NCO Airlifter Leadership Award, Staff Sgt. Michael L. Scheideman NCO Airlifter Leadership Award and the Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie D. Vail Enlisted Airlifter Leadership Award, recognize the leadership qualities of the fallen NCOs as well as those who are currently striving to give their best.

This year's winners are Staff Sgt. Jason N. Harvey, NCO Airlifter Leadership Award; Master Sgt. Thomas E. Farley, SNCO Airlifter Leadership Award; and Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley, Enlisted Airlifter Leadership Award.

"Although the award winners

are recognized this day, every enlisted aircrew member of the 731st Airlift Squadron deserves recognition for what you offer to your squadron," according to

event organizers. "Your professionalism, your dedication and your pride that you bring as aircrew members is nothing short of excellent."



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Johnson

Chief Master Sgt. Eric Deylius presents the Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie D. Vail Enlisted Airlifter Leadership Award to Chief Master Sgt. James D. Riley.

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provides prompt and accurate accounting data and orders input so that those valuable dollars that the Reserve units need to function are shown."

Mr. Michael Punch, a systems accountant in Headquarters AFRC's financial systems branch, said travel offices will like the system because it accounts for funds better than other systems and it is easier to enter data, find data and generate reports. Other benefits include bringing in more data automatically and fewer manual steps in sending e-mail vouchers.

Travel office people type the travel voucher information into the Reserve Travel System on a desktop computer, which sends file information to the local accounting and disbursing offices, as well as Government

Travel Card offices. All of the computers are tied to a main system. Active-duty offices will link to the Air Force leave Web server.

"The Reserve Travel System is very user friendly and self explanatory," said Ms. Judy Matthews, a travel voucher examiner at McGuire AFB, N.J. "We got the system in November 2002, and I learned it from scratch. It makes sense to me."

"Within four weeks a person should be able to load and process travel vouchers," she said. "The system is automated. It makes a lot of the decisions for you."

Ten years ago officials in the Air Force Reserve headquarters' financial management directorate set out to find an automated system to replace processing vouchers by hand.

"They realized that what was available didn't meet the Air Force Reserve's needs, so in-house contractors designed a DOS-based

system," Ms. Meredith-Pogue said. "That system was reengineered into our current 32-bit Windows-based client server application. Eight people from the headquarters worked on the new system so it would improve productivity and provide consistent, reliable service."

"The 21st Space Wing Financial Management folks will be implementing the system early this month," said Mr. Curtis. "They have completed in house training on modules and have sent two members to the AFRC headquarters for training and hands-on knowledge."

"Overall this is and will be the best system put in place to take care of our Reserve personnel travel payments and accounting needs accurately and timely. This is a system finally designed for us," said Mr. Curtis. (AFRC News Service)

Dedication, devotion make crew chief award winning

Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing's crew chiefs must be doing a lot right seeing as how they've brought home top honors from command level for two years in a row.

Master Sgt. Rusty Scharfenberg, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, enabled the wing to achieve this accomplishment when he was named 2003 Air Force Reserve Command Crew Chief of the Year.

Sergeant Scharfenberg was nominated by his peers to represent the wing at the 22nd Air Force level. "Everyone on the flightline recognizes the dedication that Rusty exhibits on a daily basis in the performance of his assigned duties," said his supervisor, Master Sergeant Gary Liberty.

"I was surprised but it was nice to know that they thought that highly of me," said Sergeant Scharfenberg.

When Scharfenberg won at 22nd AF he thought the worst. "I was working on a UTA when Col. [Michael] O'Halloran and Lt. Col. [Alan] Lerner came in. I thought I did something wrong."

Attention to detail and initiative are just two of the traits acknowledged by Sergeant Scharfenberg's superiors. "Rusty's last quality assurance assessment on his aircraft tech orders had zero discrepancies," said Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Bebow, maintenance su-

perintendent. "This is an awesome accomplishment considering the amount of tech data pieces he has."

"During my last Coronet Oak, Rusty was my pro-super. He did an outstanding job not only in managing the people and workload but also spent many nights ensuring G081, aircraft forms, and exceptional releases were completed. If ever there was someone deserving of this award, Rusty Scharfenberg is," added Chief Bebow.

Master Sgt. Dianne Hurt echoed Chief Bebow's praises. "Rusty's records are meticulous and when asked by the inspection team, 'Whose account would you like us to look at?' I sent them in Rusty's direction without hesitation," she said.

Now that the crew chief has the command



Tech. Sgt. Rusty Scharfenberg distinguished himself as 2003 Air Force Reserve Command Crew Chief of the Year. Sergeant Scharfenberg is the crew chief for tail number 315.

title under his belt, Sergeant Scharfenberg is heading up to compete at Air Force level.

"It's a very satisfying feeling to have someone from your flight be selected as crew chief of the year," said Sergeant Liberty. "[Rusty's] potential is unlimited and his tremendous devotion to duty is evident in every thing he does."

The recent awards and attention Sergeant Scharfenberg has received lately hasn't taken away from what he likes most about his job. "I like working with different people and learning about the different parts of the plane—the variety keeps it interesting as you try to learn everything," said Sergeant Scharfenberg.

Sergeant Scharfenberg has been a crew chief with the 302nd since 1987 but served with the Marines as a crew chief for C-130s prior to "crossing into the blue."

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duct convoy operations in a hostile environment.

"These are skills which are necessary for them to survive and operate and to come home alive," said Master Sgt. Henry Sanabria, the lead instructor for the convoy operations course.

Students are taught a variety of subjects including night-vision goggle driving, land navigation, antiterrorism training and an abridged version of the combat lifesaver course. In addition,

a group of people portraying the "enemy" help to give students a more realistic training environment.

Forces deploying with this training under their belt are more prepared for the actual techniques used against American forces in theater in recent months. "We're able to not 'simulate,' but 'replicate' real-world situations cited in lessons learned during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom," said Sergeant Sanabria. "They need to know how to defend themselves. With this knowledge down range, they

will be better prepared to operate, capable of reacting to dangerous situations and minimize vulnerability."

This training is ensuring airmen are as prepared as possible but it's hard to say how the deployed troops will measure up against their Army counterparts. "There's a difference in doctrine between the Army and the Air Force," said Sergeant Scott. "Soldiers are infantry first and specialists second whereas airmen are specialists first and then security."

"Even when we were getting

them their equipment, there were 80 items that are standard issue for the Army that we [Air Force] don't have much less use regularly," added Lt. Col. Luke Coker, chief, wing plans.

Deployed members were sent with one-year orders, with a second year option; however members have word they could return in six months.

(Outside information gathered from "Transportation airmen refine combat skills" by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard in the "McGuire Airtide," Jan. 30, 2004 issue.)

Missile attacks can cloud judgment

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Editor's note: This is the third part of the series on ATSO preparation.

Troops under missile attack should not be lulled into assuming dangerous conditions are over once the last projectile has detonated. A phenomenon known as cloud deposition presents further hazards long after the attack is over.

"Cloud deposition refers to a missile system burst at its optimum height," said Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce, chief of 302nd Readiness Flight. "It's important for personnel to realize the time for them to be exposed is zero-60 minutes after attack and exposed equipment should be covered at the discretion of

the base commander within the same time frame."

Aside from personnel seeking overhead cover during the initial attack, protecting clothing and other equipment should be taken into account.

"The Air Force has charts which indicate 92 percent of a chemical agent could be on the ground within 30 minutes following detonation," said Sergeant Vorce. "One precautionary measure for personnel is to wear a "second skin." A second skin could be a poncho, plastic bag, or anything used to provide extra protection for an individual's ground ensemble.

The wing's planning on having their field exercise in October. The exercise is set to be held at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Volk Field, Wis.

Trivia Time

AF Standardized Attack Warning Signals Situation: A member is working outside in a high threat area. The current MOPP Level is MOPP 2, Alarm green. Then over the base public address system he/she hears, "Alarm yellow, MOPP 2. Alarm yellow, MOPP 2." What are the required actions to this announcement?

- Continue normal operations.
- Protect and cover assets. Go to protective shelter or seek best available overhead protection.
- Immediately run for cover, don mask
- Ask yourself, "What was that noise on the PA system?"

The correct answer is b. Stop what member is doing, protect exposed equipment with plastic or tarps, and report to protective shelter. Alarm Yellow indicates an increased threat of attack.

Clergy Day set for May 17

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

Sign up clergy now for a day with the 302nd Airlift Wing May 17. The day includes an orientation flight on a unit C-130, mission and family support briefings, a tour of the base chapel and lunch at the Officers' Club. The day begins at 9 a.m. and the

clergy can plan on departing Peterson AFB at 2:30 p.m.

"I am so pleased with this event," said Chaplain Tim Wilson. "The attending clergy have doubled in size each year."

The sign-up form can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the public affairs office. Formal invitations with a detailed itinerary will be sent to nominated clergy.

Spouses are invited to join the clergy; however, Air Force regulations do not allow them to fly. Arrangements for tours during the clergy's flight have been made for the visiting spouses.

Completed forms need to be returned by April 15. Call the 302nd AW/PA at 556-4117 for more information. To fax nomination forms dial 719-556-4214 or email them to 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

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arm around Robinson and faced the crowd. Remarkable; the insulting fans grew quiet. Later, Robinson reminisced on that single act of human kindness, that arm around his shoulder; he believed that act saved his career.

No wonder the Bible gives us the very important instruction to "encourage each other and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:10) That is timely advice for trying times.

Our English word "encouragement" has an interesting origin. It comes from a compound Latin word meaning to give courage to another or the heart to keep them going.

That's the gift we need to give!

Look around your office, your neighborhood, your family and then reach out and encourage someone today—you will make a major league difference in someone's life. Be known for a being a person full of encouragement.

Clergy Orientation Nomination form

Clergy name/title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Clergy phone (____) _____
 Reservist name _____ Unit _____
 Clergy special needs (dietary, physical, etc.)? If yes, please explain _____



Junior Enlisted Advisory Council meetings

The Junior Enlisted Advisory Council Meetings, which are open to all E-1s through E-6s, are scheduled to be held Sundays of the UTA at 11 a.m. in the Active Duty MPF Building Atrium. The meetings are set to be held quarterly beginning with March and will follow in June, September and December. The meetings are open forum and representatives from each unit are desired. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kristen Lattimer at 556-3225.

Commissary use

Now that reservists have full use of the commissary, those wanting more information on commissaries can find it at www.commissaries.com.

Double W-2s

The finance office has been receiving inquiries concerning members receiving duplicate W-2s. These W-2s are identical except for differing control numbers. Troops were concerned earnings from both W-2s were being reported to the IRS. This is not the case. The finance office went to DFAS for clarification. When filing taxes, members who receive duplicate W-2s should use the W-2 without AFRD in the control number.

Policy training location

The Homosexual Policy Training, required for all squadron personnel who have been ap-

pointed as a supervisor, first sergeant or commander within the past 60 days, has moved its training location to Bldg. 890, squadron conference room on the second floor. The training is conducted every UTA on Sundays at 10 a.m.

AFAF campaign

The 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund will be conducted for five consecutive weeks during the period of Feb. 24 through May 9. Members of the Air Force Reserve are encouraged to contribute to the campaign. Please contact 2nd Lt. Joan Yarrell at 556-7324 or Chief Master Sgt. David Malenky at 556-7249 for more information.

NCOLDP

The next Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program class is set to be held April 26-May 7. Members must be an E-4 through E-7 and on annual tour or school tour orders. Students earn two semester hours of college credit in management. Interested members need to have supervisor and commander nominate them for the class. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen at 556-7573.

Records management

AFI 33-322, para. 6.3.1, directs that the records manager will: "Train all personnel within three months of assignment, including tenant activities personnel.

This means training of all personnel, whose duties include receiving, creating, maintaining and disposing of official records, must be trained in records management.

Anyone who has already accomplished records management training needs to provide Staff Sgt. Terry Coen, 302nd Communications Flight a copy of the

certificate. Otherwise the training needs to be accomplished at one of the upcoming training opportunities:

March 7, 10-11 a.m., Wing Conference Room

April 4, 10-11 a.m., WCR

Training will also be held each Sunday of the UTA, 10-11 a.m. in the Wing Conference Room and each Thursday before the UTA 9-10 a.m. in the Wing Conference Room. For more information, contact Sergeant Coen at 556-3299.

Family Support classes

The Peterson Air Force Base Family Support Center is presenting two courses open to members of the 302nd Airlift Wing.

"Buying and Financing the car you want" will discuss the ins and outs of buying a new or used car. The class will be held at the Family Support Center. To sign up for the class or for more information call them at 556-6141.

"7 Habits of Highly Effective Air Force Families" is also offered by the Family Support Center. The two day program will be held April 16 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Southeast YMCA located at 2190 Jet Wing Dr. For more information or to register, please call 556-6141.

Job opportunities

Army National Guard support of Air Force force protection efforts will be reduced by approximately 2,500 soldiers in the coming weeks. To offset this shortfall, the Air Staff is coordinating a program to provide MPA opportunities for ANG and Air Force Reserve enlisted members to perform FP augmentation at AF installations throughout fiscal year 2004. The program will be open to members in grade E-1 to E-6 in all AFSCs. Duties mirror those currently performed by ARNG soldiers. Tours will vary from 30 days to approximately 270 days

at the member's option (all MPA tours will end NLT Sept. 29, 2004). Training will be provided at the beginning of the MPA tour.

Individuals interested in volunteering for this opportunity need to go through their supervisor and get unit approval. Once approved and the member or unit has informed the plans personnel, then the volunteer should go to the Volunteer Reserve System web site at www.afrc.af.mil, under "Job Opportunities for Participating Reservists."

SNCOLDP

A Senior Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program course is set to be held April 24-25. The course is to be held at the Sheraton. The wing should get about 15 seats for the class. Unit training managers will have nomination letters to be signed by respective commanders. The education office will have some as well. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen at 556-7573.

Weather call

If the snow is falling and cars on the road are sliding, call 556-SNOW to check on base closure or delayed reporting. The base leadership are the only personnel authorized to decide if the base should close or have delayed reporting/early release. For personnel driving to Schriever Air Force Base, the number is 567-SNOW.

Women's history month

March is women's history month. With that in mind here are some statistics to ponder. As of 2000, there is an estimated 1.6 million women who are veterans. The number of women veterans has increased from 1.1 million in 1980. There are also about 78,000 female police officers and 8,500 female firefighters.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

March 6-7

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0530 – 1000	Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0730 – 1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	DPMSC/6-8185
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0730 – 1600	MPF Hours	Bldg 895 Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mtg	Bldg 895 Room 203	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	HRDC Meeting	731st Conf Room	CV/6-7087
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	6-8163
1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-0142
1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg 1466	LSM/6- 3227
1100 – 1200	Enlisted luncheon	Enlisted Club	CECCF/6-1557
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4180
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1200 – 1630	CWD Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1630	Newcomers Ancillary Training	Bldg 893 Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
1500	Bowling Tournament	Base Bowling Alley	
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180

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0530 – 1000	Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
0730 – 1200	CWD Refresher & Initial	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg 895 Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	CCF/6-8307
0900 – 1100	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg 893 Room 111	JA/6-8140
1030 – 1130	Commanders Call	Base Auditorium	PA/6-4117
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
1200 – 1300	Multicultural Awareness Gp	Aragon Dining Facility	ME/6-6215
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1400	PERSCO		
1400 – 1500	In House Training		
1500 – 1600	In Section Training		
1300 – 1400	Commander’s SORTS Mt	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
1400 – 1500	3S0 AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conference	DPMS/6-7249
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carryout	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4180



Photo by Lt. Col. Clancy Preston

Fifteen 302nd Airlift Wing members filled into the training room after hours to learn about math concepts, to include early algebra and geometry.

Reservists cram into math class

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
Front Range Flyer

Fifteen reservists are getting one step closer to their academic goals by attending a math class offered in one of the wing training rooms.

Mrs. Rosalyn Johnson, a Colorado Christian University instructor for more than three years, is bringing math lessons to reservists Friday and Saturday nights during UTAs.

"With the class being in the evening it's easier to attend," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Leon, 302nd Communications Flight.

Math has always been a joy of the instructor, who's earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry and her masters in engineering systems management however she feels this math class in particular is important for the masses. "This course deals with the basics of math and gets into early Algebra and Geometry. It's important for everyone to have a grasp on this type of math regardless of their degree plan."

Sergeant Leon is hoping to knock out his CCAF degree with the class and learn more so he can help his daughter with her homework.

Mrs. Johnson only teaches night courses so she's accustomed to the nontraditional

academic hours. "CCU caters to working people, whether military or civilian, so the majority of our courses are offered in the evening," she said.

A prior Army maintenance officer, Mrs. Johnson finds it easy to relate to the class. "I can understand what they go through being in the military with deployments, etc."

Her understanding of the class has helped the students feel at ease. "She's an excellent instructor," said Sergeant Leon. "She instructs at a pace where it's easy to learn and she makes the environment such that the students are comfortable to ask any questions."

The course is offered at an accelerated rate helping students get more classes done quicker. "The class being accelerated makes it easier to achieve the goal of getting the class completed," said Sergeant Leon. "Besides, I'm surrounded by proactive, eager to learn students and coworkers so that makes it all that much easier to succeed."

Since this math class has been a success, others are sure to follow. Keep an eye out for news from the education staff on upcoming courses. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen at 556-7573.

Please help acknowledge their hard work and dedication!

Master Sgt. Phillip R. Indermuehe
302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Lisa M. Smidt

Welcome newcomers

Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Aldridge
1st Lt. Erin K. Haertling
14th Test Squadron

Airman 1st Class Joshua S. Colby
302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Capt. Garrett W. Donelly
7th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Bryan L Forsyth
Staff Sgt. Ronald E. Griego
Airman 1st Class Darrell E. Porter
39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Melissa J. Jarrell
Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Tocco
8th Space Warning Squadron

Airman 1st Class Andrew J. Kirst
302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Geydy J. Linares-Garcia
302nd Services Flight

Senior Airman Sandra D. Metts
Tech. Sgt. Lynde L. Parker
19th SOPS

Senior Airman Shawn M. Perez
302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Senior Airman James Robinson III
302nd Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Brian L. Schoenrock
310th Communications Flight

Senior Airman James R. Stephens
302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Fiaui P. Taase
Capt. Ryan M. Tanton
731st Airlift Squadron

Kudos for achievers

Congratulations are in order for the following who completed their Career Development Course with at least a 90 percent.

302nd Operations Support Flight
Tech. Sgt. James D. Crosbie
19th Space Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Mark W. Gilding
302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

SFs test out new physical fitness standards

Photos and story by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton

Front Range Flyer

Chilly temperatures and icy weather conditions couldn't keep the 302nd Security Forces members from being the first in the wing to warm up to the new physical training requirements established for reservists Jan. 1.

The new fitness standards are designed to bring reservists on line with the same fitness standards for active duty. The new test consists of four major components: push-ups, crunches, abdominal circumference measurements and 1.5-mile timed run. Before this year, reservists were required to complete a 3-mile walk within a specific time frame in accordance to their age group.

Security forces members who braved the cold 28 degree temperatures during the February unit training assembly did crunches, push-ups and stretching exercises indoors before heading outside to be tested on the 1.5 mile run.

Most exceeded the normal standard set forth by the guidelines for the new test.

"I completed 44 push-ups and 65 crunches," said Tina Doherty, who was tested in the 25-29 age group. "I only had to do 41 push-ups and 47 crunches to pass." She completed the run within 11 minutes, 55 seconds.

Some unit members were prepared before actual testing. "I worked out at least three times a week before the test," said Isaac Lopez. "I would do three sets of 25 push-ups and crunches through the week and then retest myself on Fridays."

Gary Brown, Security Forces superintendent and James D. Hailbrunner, air reserve technician for security operations, were responsible for setting up the 1.5 mile course run for members of the unit. "We expected our younger airmen to do well," said Brown. "But were surprised at how well some of our other members did."

"Eric Denke was our high man with the most crunches," said Hailbrunner. "Carlton Tabor did the most push-ups within the squadron, while Doherty was our top female performer."

Patrick McKenna was the first to complete the run with a time of 9:58. "Hard to believe he's 42 years old," said Brown.

"I did 49 crunches, and 40 more push-ups then the required 49," said Elroy Cormier, who ran in the 35-39 age group. "My time in the 1.5 mile run was 14:01. I know I can do better."

Starting in April all squadrons within the wing will be required to perform the same physical training test completed by the security force members. "Best advice I can give is to go to the gym and spend the quality training time on each category," said Hailbrunner. "This will not go away and we should train as we're preparing



Martin Herrera stretches prior to completing the one and a half mile run. The 302nd Security Forces Squadron is the first unit in the 302nd Airlift Wing to officially test the new physical fitness standards.

to fight."

Greg Sprong, wing fitness monitor and noncommissioned officer in charge of fitness and recreation for the 302nd Services Flight who will attend a "Fit to Fight" seminar in March, said, "I expect other squadrons to begin testing to meet the new fitness standards in April."

Bobby E. Smith, wing command chief and a certified aerobics instructor added, "This is wonderful encouragement for all reservists. It's all about improving our fitness and putting us on par with other services."



Ron Price and Scott Brackett use the buddy system to perform the sit up portion of the physical fitness test.

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